

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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HIGHER EDUCATION FOR WOMEN
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the number of women pursuing higher studies is very small in the country;
- (b) if so, the details in this regard and the reasons therefore; and
- (c) the action proposed to be taken in the matter?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI)

(a) : No, Sir. According to information furnished by the UGC, the percentage of women's enrolment in the Universities and Colleges was 35% in 1998-99. Enrolment of women in higher educational institutions has been increasing over the last few years.

(b) & (c): Do not arise.